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TO : INR/OIL - Mr. Robert Tegethoff (INFO) DATE: March 25, 1971
FROM : OM/DIR - James J. McTigue FOR INFO CALL: OM/DIR, Mr. Ivie,
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SUBJECT : 6 FAM 165.2 - Shipment of Motor Vehicles REF.(if any): OM/DIR Docket No. 3106

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UNIFORM STATE/AID/USIA TRAVEL REGULATIONS

The attached material contains a proposal to change the travel regulations concerning shipment of privately owned motor vehicles to eliminate the continuation of abuses detected since the restrictions on shipping foreign made vehicles was rescinded.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : OM/DIR - Mr. James J. McTigue

FROM : A/OPR/ST *J* Edward C. Bateman *E*

SUBJECT: Revision of 6 FAM 165.2 - Shipment of Motor Vehicles

The elimination of the prohibition against shipping foreign made motor vehicles which became effective September 11, 1970 has led to abuses by a number of State/AID/USIA employees.

There have been instances of employees, upon receiving notification of reassignment to the United States, ordering new foreign made vehicles for shipment to the United States at Government expense. In another instance, an employee who has returned to the United States has requested approval for the shipment of a new car from Germany at Government expense. We are certain that there are numerous other cases that have not come to our attention.

Obviously it was not our intention to allow ready import of foreign made vehicles into the United States when the prohibition against shipment of foreign made vehicles was lifted. Such action is clearly contrary to our balance of payments situation and could certainly be considered as totally unjustified expenditure of public funds.

Research into the Committee Reports of the 86th Congress dealing with Section 913, Foreign Service Act indicates that the intent of Congress is not being met with the shipment at Government expense of a newly purchased foreign made automobile from an overseas location to the United States.

165.2 Shipment of Motor Vehicles

The cost of transporting a motor vehicle is allowable only when owned by the employee or member of his family authorized to travel. Except as provided in sections 165.3, 165.4, and 165.5, no expenses are allowable in excess of the cost of transportation between the authorized points of origin and destination or between the factory site and the authorized destination, whichever involves the lesser cost.

165.3 Emergency Replacement

The transportation of one additional privately owned motor vehicle from the United States or other designated place of purchase may be authorized, in advance, by an authorizing officer during any 4-year period as an emergency replacement of the last motor vehicle transported at Government expense, when he determines, in advance, that:

- a. The replacement is in the interest of the Government and is necessary for reasons beyond the control of the employee; and
- b. The use of the replacement vehicle is in the interest of the Government.

Conditions warranting emergency replacement of motor vehicles include loss or destruction of the motor vehicle through fire, theft, accident, rapid deterioration due to severe climate or driving conditions at the post of duty, civil disturbance, military actions, riot, or similar causes.

For State and A.I.D., shipment of emergency vehicles is authorized and funded by posts (sections 121.1-5a and 121.3-3); for USIA, see section 121.2a(1).

165.4 Periodic Replacement

The transportation of one privately owned motor vehicle from the United States or other designated place of purchase to the employee's post of assignment abroad may be authorized by an authorizing officer as the replacement of a motor vehicle previously transported at Government expense provided that:

PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS

165.2 Shipment of Motor Vehicles

****The authorization for the shipment of a privately owned motor vehicle is based upon Section 913 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended, and a policy decision that an employee's effectiveness at his overseas post of duty is enhanced thereby.**

****165.2-1 Shipments from the United States and Between Overseas Posts ****

The cost of transporting a motor vehicle is allowable only when owned by the employee or member of his family authorized to travel. Except as provided in sections 165.3, 165.4, and 165.5, no expenses are allowable in excess of the cost of transportation between the authorized points of origin and destination or between the factory site and the authorized destination, whichever involves the lesser cost.

**** 165.2-2 Shipments to the United States**

The cost of transporting a motor vehicle from an overseas post of assignment to the United States is allowable only when the motor vehicle has been in the possession of the employee, or a member of his family authorized to travel, and used at the overseas post of assignment for a minimum of 90 days prior to the employee's date of departure from post. **